(2) strict control over licensing of drug formulations.

(3) strengthening of the Inspectorate staff in the State.

(4) establishment of a separate intelligence machinery to tackle the problem of manufacture and sale of spurious drugs.

(5) constitution of special courts to deal with the offences under Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

Its recommendations were communicated to the State Government and the State Governments have been requested repeatedly to give effect to the recommendations. A proforma has been prescribed for monthly submission of reports by the State Drugs Controllers and the State Government have been requested to send monthly reports on drawal of samples and analysis of them. These reports are being consolidated and commented upon. Also a list of equipments necessary for drug testing laboratories has been communicated to the State Units and the State Governments have been requested to equip their laboratories accordingly. On 22nd February, 1986 a meeting of the State Health Minister was held exclusively to discuss matters relating to implementation of Drugs and Cosmetics Act and the P. F. A. Act. At the meeting the Health and Family Welfare Minister urged the State Health Ministers to strengthen the drug control machinery with the object of putting down production distribution and sale of substandard and spurious drugs.

Finalisation of New Education Policy

1028. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new education policy has been finalised by Government;

(b) if not, by when it is expected to be finalised and whether it is likely to be announced in Parliament in the current session; and

(c) whether it is likely to be implemented from the next academic year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The draft New Education Policy will be presented in Parliament during the current session. Some aspects of the new policy would be implemented with effect from 1986-87.

Recognition to the Open Universitiy Hyderabad

1029. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government have demanded for recognition by the University Grants Commission of the Open University, Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to information furnished by the University Grants Commision, it has been decided to declare the Andhra Pradesh Open University, Hyderabad, fit to receive Central assistance in terms of the rules framed under Section 12 B of UGC Act subject to the amendment of the Act of the University and on receipt of an assurance from the University that it would use of the balance amount of Rs. 87.84 lakhs on studios, library and academic buildings, so that the total permanent assets of the University are worth Rs. 2 crores.

Ship repair Project at Haldia

1030. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of the proposed ship repair project at Haldia in West Bengal;

(b) whether this project has been shelved;

(c) if not, what is the progress made so far; and

(d) whether any allocation has been made in the Seventh Five Year Plan for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Government do not have proposals for establishing ship repair project at Haldia in West Bengal in the VII Plan.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Railway projects in West Bengal

1031. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state what is the present position of railway projects i.e. laying of new lines in West Bengal including the Budge Budge-Namkhana project and the the Tamluk-Digha project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): The position of the new line projects approved in West Bengal is indicated below:

(1) Howrah-Amta/Champadanga . .	Phase-I Santragachi-Bargachia (24 kms.) has been opened to traffic.
(2) Aklakhi-Balurghat with extension from Eklakhi to Malda Town.	The physical progress is about 3%.
(3) Metro Railway, Calcutta.	2 sections of 2.2 kms. and 3.5 kms. opened to traffic. Further work in progress.
(4) Circular Railway, Calcutta . . .	10 kms. long section opened to traffic. Further work in progress.
(5) Howrah-Sheakhala	It has not been possible to commence work due to shortage of resources.
(6) Budge Budge-Namkhana including Lakshmikantpur-Kulpi.	This project has not been cleared by the Planning Commission. It is now proposed to examine proposal for a shorter new line from Lakshmikantpur to Namkhana *via* Kulpi for which updating of survey to determine financial implication afresh, has been approved.
(7) Tamluk-Digha	The project has not been cleared by the Planning Commission, and it is proposed to refer it to them again.